



# Riverside Players Newsletter

## July 2025

Happy July! The sun seems like it's here to stay for a while (for better or worse!), so we can all pick up a tan (or a burn or two!) just in time for panto!

Panto preparations have already begun (oh yes, they have!), and we have more events coming up...

### **Panto 2025 – The Pied Piper of Hamelin**

As previously announced, this year's panto will be (drum roll, please) The Pied Piper of Hamelin directed by Simon Arnold! We had our annual read-through where we got to read for the characters and get a feel for the show. We had a good turnout, and we're very excited for the show.

If you don't want to be on stage but would still like to get involved, we always need help backstage, front of house, or even in the bar. To find out more please contact any of us. We're always looking for more adult and youth members, but we do have a minimum age of 10 years old.

Important dates for your diary - all 8pm at the Old Windsor Memorial Hall:

Panto Auditions - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### **Riverside Players Quiz**

As announced previously, we will be holding another quiz night to support the panto efforts. It will be held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, so get the date in your diaries!

Tickets will be £16.50 per person, and this includes delicious fish and chips at the halfway point – bring your own drinks and any extra snacks or sweet treats. Doors will open at 7pm, for a 7:30pm start. There will be 8 rounds, so should finish around 10pm, ending with a raffle, if you'd like to donate a raffle prize please get in touch with Lorna.

To enter your team of up to 8 participants, email Lorna at [quiz@riversideplayers.com](mailto:quiz@riversideplayers.com). Payment will be via direct bank transfer. It's guaranteed to be a fun night, full of friendly competition, so enter your team now 😊

  
**Riverside Players**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 18th October 2025**

First Question at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

THE MEMORIAL HALL, STRAIGHT ROAD, OLD WINDSOR, BERKS SL4 2RN

Tickets £16.50

Maximum 8 people per team

Includes a fish and chip supper

Bring your own drinks

**quiz@riversideplayers.com**

Email your booking request and pay by bank transfer,  
by Sunday 12th October.

Sort code: 23-05-80 Account number: 46799380 Ref: Your name

### **Social events**

Our first summer social will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Stirrups in Bracknell. You'll find us outside, as this gives you the option for drinks or food. Hope to see you there!

### **The Future ....**

Currently we have nothing confirmed in the diary for 2026 or beyond so please let us know if you have any ideas!

All slots are up for grabs from 2026 onwards, either for summer plays, musicals or pantomimes .... Or maybe you have an idea for something a bit different?

**If you're interested in directing but don't know where to start reach out to one of us or please take a look at the resources below:**

<https://www.lazybeescripts.co.uk/> (we love this one)

<http://www.josef-weinberger.com/>

<https://www.stageplays.com/plays-by-publisher/Samuel+French+Inc>

<https://limelightscripts.co.uk/>

**Without the support of our wider membership with directing and production of shows it falls to a very small group to maintain, and sadly it won't be sustainable forever.**

### **Membership**

We're in the new membership year! Subs are £20 and under-16s are £10. We will be pleased to accept your payment by bank transfer. Bank details are below (please include your name in the reference!)

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### **John Pickles – Mr P**

Finally, we end with some sad news. Susan's beloved husband John, otherwise known as Mr P, very sadly passed away peacefully on Sunday 22nd June. For many years, he had done a great job as part of our backstage crew for all of our shows, with a few appearances on stage when required, along with an occasional Gnome! You would always see him parading around the village on Carnival day, usually dressed as a lady! Also known for his appearances on TV during the Olympics, where we invented the new sport of "Pickle spotting"! He leaves behind so many people who loved him. The worlds of Riverside, beer, wine, education, walking, volunteering and of course athletics are less bright today without him.

The celebration of John's life will take place from 1pm on Friday 25th July at Cheltenham Crematorium.

He will be greatly missed by us all at Riverside Players and we send our love and condolences to Susan, his family and friends. We will be dedicating our pantomime to John.

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## Remembering John

